

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no _____

Property Name: Presbyterian Cemetery Inventory Number: F-6-139
Address: Welty Road Historic district: yes ☒ X no
City: Emmitsburg Zip Code: 21727 County: Frederick
USGS Quadrangle(s): Emmitsburg
Property Owner: Presbyterian Cemetery [Association?] Tax Account ID Number: 169453
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 55 Tax Map Number: 4
Project: Mason-Dixon Country Club Agency: Army Corps of Engineers
Agency Prepared By: Paula Reed and Associates
Preparer's Name: Paige Phifer Date Prepared: 3/15/2006

Documentation is presented in: Atlas of Frederick County Maryland by D.J. Lake, C.E. Published by C. O. Titus & Co., Philadelphia, PA., 1873. "History of Emmitsburg's Presbyterian Church" by Ruth Richards (First published in 1956), Emmitsburg Historical Society.

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: X A B C D Considerations: A B C X D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes _____ Listed: yes _____

Site visit by MHT Staf yes X no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The well-kept Presbyterian Cemetery is located on the south side of Welty Road. A tall gate structure consists of square cast iron pillars topped with decorative iron urns, supporting two iron gates arched at the top, stands at the entrance to the cemetery although no fence surrounds the cemetery property. Instead a series of trimmed boxwoods demark the roadside boundary of the cemetery. Mature cedars stand throughout the cemetery which is relatively full with primarily marble gravestones. The earliest gravestones identified are those of John and Eleanor Porter, both dated 1775 at their time of death. Other graves in the cemetery include those of Alexander McNair (d.1816), Samuel McNair (d.1825?), Samuel Emmit "founder of Emmitsburg," and C.W. Robertson, a Civil War veteran with the 6th MD Infantry, Co. C. Standing near the McNair graves is a rough red sandstone marker inscribed with an "E" and the date 1764. This stone appears to be a boundary marker stone rather than a gravestone and may be associated with the Manor of Maske survey for the Alexander McNair land patent of 1764. The cemetery also includes a number of family plots outlined by low iron fences. The cemetery property is approximately two acres. There are no extant associated buildings.

The Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church has been a part of the Emmitsburg area community since before the American Revolution. The church's beginning is established as the second Sunday in September of 1760, when the Reverend Robert McMordie was

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments: *Documentation does not adequately support exception under Consideration D.*

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/15/06

Date

P. Kuntz
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/8/06

Date

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appointed to serve at "Monakasy"--a spelling which evolved into the present Monocacy. The early Presbyterians were among the men and women who pushed down from Pennsylvania through the Monocacy River Valley along the eastern edge of the Catoclin range--farmers, tradesmen, artisans, individualists who helped in the struggle for political independence from Great Britain even as they worked to build their new communities--in which their churches were an essential, living force--in their wide territory west of the settled coastal areas.

For years the church was known as the Tom's Creek Presbyterian Church for its location near the stream that flows down to the Monocacy. The meeting house stood about a mile north of Emmitsburg along the Gettysburg road (U.S. 15).

On January 23, 1839, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Tom's Creek church decided to move the meeting house into the corporate limits of Emmitsburg. In 1867 the name was changed to the Emmitsburg Presbyterian Church. "At a special meeting of the board of trustees held January 23, 1839, Rev. R. S. Grier in the chair, it was resolved 1st That the Tom's Creek meeting house be removed to Emmitsburg." [Information on the history of the church and cemetery was derived from the "History of Emmitsburg's Presbyterian Church" by Ruth Richards (First published in 1956), Emmitsburg Historical Society as cited in the web site: www.emmitsburg.net/epc/history.]

The location of the early Presbyterian Church appears on the 1808 Charles Varle Map of Frederick and Washington Counties. The cemetery appears on the 1873 Atlas map of Emmitsburg District.

The Presbyterian Cemetery is eligible for the National Register under Criterion A and Consideration D for its association with the settlement history of the Emmitsburg area of Frederick County, Maryland. The Presbyterian Cemetery still occupies the land on which the original Presbyterian congregation, made up of Pennsylvania emigrants along the Monocacy Road, constructed their first church building ca. 1760. Here the church stood until it was removed to Emmitsburg in 1839.

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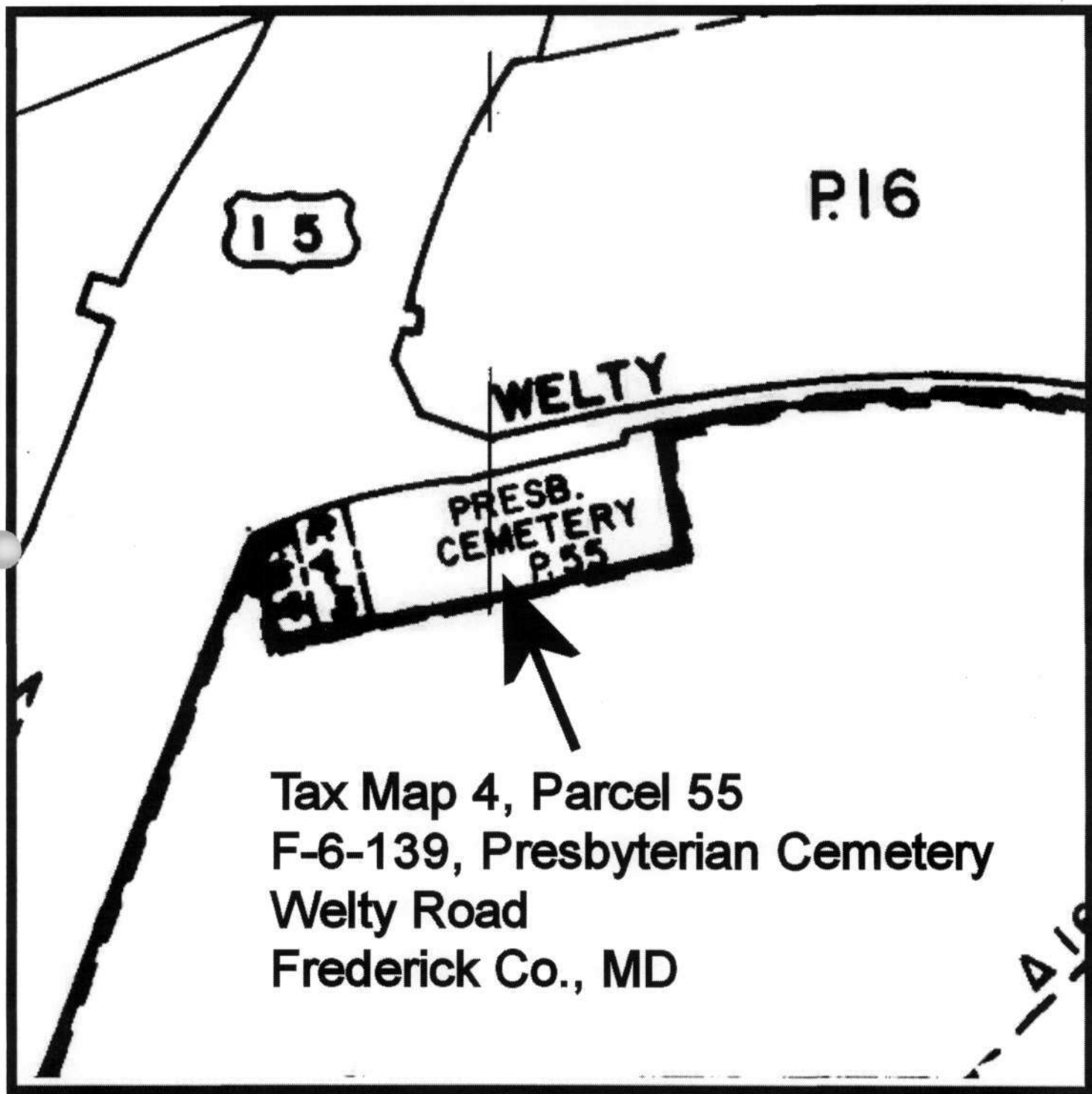
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Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

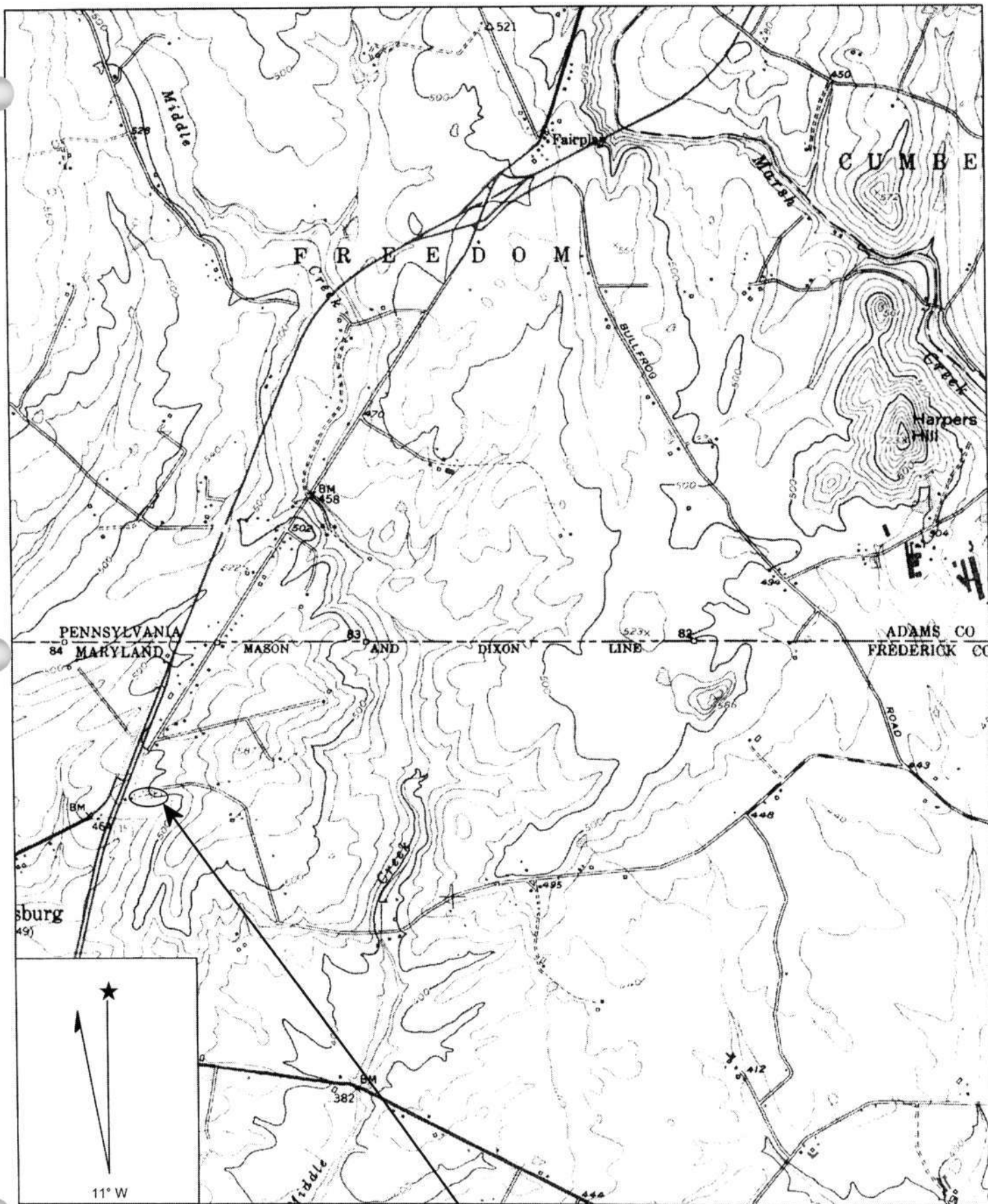
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Date_____
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Date





1808 Charles Varlé Map of Frederick and Washington Counties.
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Welty Road
Frederick Co., MD



Name: EMMITSBURG
Date: 2/27/2006
Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 43' 16.9" N 077° 17' 19.6" W
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F-6-139 Presbyterian Cemetery
Cemetery on Welty Rd

Frederick Co, MD

Eddie Wallace

February, 2006

View to southeast of cemetery on south side of rd.

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Presbyterian Cemetery

Welty Rd

Frederick Co, MD

Eddie Wallace

March 2006

view E of frontage along Welty Rd.

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Presbyterian Cemetery

Welby Rd.

Frederick Co., MD

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view S of interior of cemetery

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Presbyterian Cemetery

Wetly Rd

Frederick Co MD

E Wallace

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detail of possible boundary stone w/in cemetery

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Presbyterian Cemetery
Welby Rd.

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gravestone of Samuel Emmit "Founder of Emmitsburg"
and wife Mary

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HERE
LIES THE BODY
OF
WILLIAM WATKINS
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
ON NOVEMBER 18
1860
AGED 35 YEARS
IN THE 35TH YEAR OF HIS AGE

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detail of William Witherow stone 1785

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In
Memory of
ROBERT BIGHAM
Who Departed this Life
Nov^r 25th 1798
In the 99th Year
of His Age

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detail of Robert Biggam stone 1798

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In

Memory of

JAMES STUB GRASS

Who Departed this Life

May 6th 1794

in the 30th Year
of His Age.

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detail of James Snodgrass stone 1794

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